

**WATERLOO SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD:** Please consider nominating someone for this prestigious award. The nominee must be 65 years of age or older, and be someone who has contributed on a voluntary basis to the enhancement of life in the City of Waterloo. Award recipients will be recognized at a special ceremony at City Hall in June, 2018. Nominees' voluntary activities may have been in fields such as the arts, community service, education, environment, humanitarian activities, sports, or other areas where they have had an impact on life in Waterloo. Nominations must be submitted by 2 p.m. on March 29. Help the City of Waterloo to recognize its deserving older adult volunteers. For more information and nomination forms, please visit [www.waterloo.ca/agefriendly](http://www.waterloo.ca/agefriendly).

**THE GIFT:** Following their joyful reunion with Jesus after his resurrection, the disciples were instructed to "Wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father." (Acts 1:8) Celebrate Pentecost this year by taking part in "The Gift", a 6-week DVD series focusing on the role of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. You are invited to join with the members of St. Anthony Daniel Parish as, like the disciples, we prayerfully wait, ponder and rediscover this great gift of the Father, the Holy Spirit. "The Gift" begins on Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m. and continues for 6 consecutive weeks. St Anthony Daniel Church, Parish Life Centre, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener. Please call Marg at 519-894-5424 or Patrick at 519-748-5548 for more information.

**FISH FRY:** The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a fish fry on Friday, March 23 at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take out will be at 5:00-5:30 p.m. Cost is adults \$16.00; children (12 & under) \$8.00; take out \$16.00. Advanced tickets are available until March 21. Purchase your tickets at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus charities.

**ST. LOUIS PARISH IN WATERLOO REQUIRES A PART TIME CUSTODIAN/HANDY PERSON.** Reporting to the pastor, the position requires a flexible time commitment averaging 9 hours a week. Full details at [www.hamiltondiocese.com/job-opportunities.php](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/job-opportunities.php) or at the parish office (519-743-4101). Interested applicants are to send a resume and cover letter to the parish office by March 19.

**ON TUESDAY, MARCH 20, ALL ARE INVITED** to an afternoon of Visio Divina with The Saint John's Bible followed by an intuitive collage process. This event will be held at St. Michael's Parish in Waterloo from 1:00 until 4:30 p.m. We hope to see you there! To register, please contact Anthony De Feo at the Liturgy Office 905-5287988 ext. 2336.

**SENIORS STUDY SESSION – CREATION SPIRITUALITY.** This six-week course offered by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND, D.Min, will provide participants an opportunity to understand and find ways to practice a Christian vision of Earth-Centered Spirituality. The course will draw on scripture, poetry, ancient prayers, and the lives of the saints and prophets. The Chancery Office, 700 King St. W., Hamilton on Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. – March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17 & 24. Cost \$ 35.00. To register contact Monica at [mverin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mverin@hamiltondiocese.com) or call her at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts;  
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33



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**ADMINISTRATOR:**

**Rev. Rafal Tomon**

**DEACON:**

**Rev. Mr. Phong Hoang**

**PARISH YOUTH CATECHIST:**

**Paula Rush**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:**

**Bette Honsinger**

**Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

**Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**SUNDAY MASSES:**

**Saturday 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.**

**Sunday 3:00 p.m. Vietnamese Martyrs Community**

**Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

**By appointment – please phone the parish office**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

**Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to noon**

**Twenty minutes before weekday Masses**

**or by appointment**

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

**By appointment – please phone the parish office**

**BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS:**

**Last Sunday of each month after all Masses**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:**

**Church door collections – last Sunday of each month**

### **Announced Mass intentions for March 19 to 25, 2018**

Monday.....	8:30 a.m. ....	Brian Bleskie – Ed & Frances Bleskie
Tuesday .....	7:00 p.m. ....	Special intention of Dragica – Granic Family
Wednesday .....	8:30 a.m. ....	George Hickson – Marlene Hickson & Family
Thursday .....	7:00 p.m. ....	Living & deceased Vincentians
Friday .....	8:30 a.m. ....	David Corke – Agnes Corke
	7:00 p.m. ....	Stations of the Cross
Saturday.....	7:00 p.m. ....	Lorraine Schultz – Catherine & Gerald Thiel
Sunday .....	9:00 a.m. ....	Living & deceased members of our parish
	11:00 a.m. ....	Special intention

**Offertory collection for Sunday, March 11, 2018: \$4,842.00**

[Note: This amount does not include donations received through pre-authorized giving.]

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ARE COMING!

Please consider volunteering for one or both of the following opportunities:



**HOLY THURSDAY – WASHING OF THE FEET:** Jesus and his disciples had gathered around the table for the Last Supper. In Jesus' time, before sitting down to eat a meal, everyone would have their feet washed. This was done because after walking throughout the day in sandals on dirt roads, a person's feet became very dirty. The washing of feet before a meal was the proper and hygienic thing to do. Normally, the servant of the house was responsible for washing the feet of those present. From the biblical account it appears that no servant was present as Jesus and the disciples entered the house and prepared to eat. None of the disciples volunteered to wash feet. In a move that surprised and humbled the disciples, Jesus got up, poured water into a basin, took a towel and washed his disciples' feet. When he was finished, John writes in his gospel these words of Jesus, "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." (John 13:14-15). Volunteers of all ages are needed to participate in this ritual at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on March 29 at 7:30 p.m. Please contact the parish office at 519-886-0342 or lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com.

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY (USHERS):** Our ushers and other women and men who would like to assist in welcoming the people on Good Friday (March 30), Easter Vigil (March 31) and Easter Sunday (April 1), are asked to contact the parish office to let us know at which liturgies you are able to help.



Attention Students in Grades 1-3!

You are warmly invited to four Monday evenings to consider the events surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. We will listen to scripture, reflect and pray. This Paschal Mystery retreat will take place in the parish office from 6:30-7:45 p.m. on March 19 & 26 (Lent) and April 2 & 9 (Easter). The retreat will use the method of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, an approach to faith formation begun in Rome more than 60 years ago, that seeks to answer the child's silent request: "Help me come closer to God by myself." To inquire further or to register for the 4 evenings, please contact Paula (lourdescatechist@rogers.com).

**Parish Administrative Assistant Position at Lourdes:** The job description and position requirements have been posted on our parish website: [www.ourladyoflourdeswaterloo.com](http://www.ourladyoflourdeswaterloo.com). Follow the link on the home page. Those interested in the position should submit a cover letter and resume no later than March 19, 2018.

**We mourn those who have gone before us in death  
and continue with us in the Communion of Saints.**

Rita Schnarr ..... March 11, 2018



**NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY**, the gateway to Holy Week. It is the great memorial of Our Lord's solemn entrance into Jerusalem where he was about to suffer and die. The blessing of palms will take place during each of the Masses next weekend. Upon entering the church, please pick up your palm branch.

## SHARE LENT – MARCH 18 – TOGETHER FOR PEACE



Your Share Lent donation can be made any time up to and including April 22. If you are not using parish offering envelopes, please use one of your own, marking it as Share Lent. To learn more about the important work of Development and Peace around the world please visit [www.devpc.org](http://www.devpc.org).

**LAST CALL FOR SKIM MILK POWDER AND IODIZED SALT** for Canadian Food for Children: Milk holds huge potential to improve nutrition for hundreds of millions of poor people around the world. It is too expensive, however, for the poorest families to buy. A deficiency in salt can lead to death from heat stroke, or an enlarged thyroid gland which decreases energy and strength. As well, pregnant mothers lacking iodized salt in their diets put their babies at risk of mental disability. Please bring your items to the church in a reusable cloth bag. Your donations can be placed by the baptismal font up to and including Palm Sunday (March 25).



## NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION 2018

Pope Francis shared that "The Eucharistic Celebration is much more than a simple banquet: it is exactly the memorial of Jesus' Pascal Sacrifice, the mystery at the centre of salvation...every time we celebrate this sacrament we participate in the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ."

You are invited to watch the National Catholic Mission 2018, *The Mass: The Mystery at the Centre of Salvation*, with Father Michael Coutts S.J. which will be broadcast during Holy Week on the following networks across Canada:

- VisionTV: Part 1 on Monday March 26 and part 2 on Tuesday, March 27, both at 8 p.m.
  - Salt + Light: Part 1 Tuesday, March 27 and part 2 on Wednesday, March 28 both at 8 p.m.
- The 2018 Mission will be rebroadcast on
- VisionTV: Part 1 on Good Friday and part 2 on Holy Saturday, at the 8 a.m. and noon
  - Slat + Light: Part 1 on Good Friday and part 2 on Holy Saturday, at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

The Mission will also be available at [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com).